

defendant's expert witness opinions in order to mediate the case effectively. They thus request that defendant disclose, along with the experts' identities, information regarding the "general opinions" of plaintiff's experts. Alternatively, they suggest that the Court delay the mediation until after expert discovery can occur.

The briefing on this basic motion became more complicated when the *Arnold* plaintiffs filed their objection on April 12, 2017. Despite having initially agreed with defendant that defendant could provide the identity of its experts and those experts' "general topics" of opinion, defendant has not done so. Defendant claims that its "deal" with Arnold dissolved when the other plaintiffs would not accept the offer. Arnold's mediation memoranda was due to the mediator on April 11, and Arnold wanted the information defendant promised in order to properly analyze class certification in the memorandum.

Mediation is set to begin on April 21. It appears that a short continuance to allow defendant time to produce its expert reports, along with a short continuance of the mediation deadline, would be preferable to continuing with mediation with only partial information about defendant's experts.

Thus, the Court will grant defendant's motion but will accept plaintiffs' invitations to extend the mediation deadline.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that defendant's motion for to extend expert deadlings (#92) is **GRANTED**.

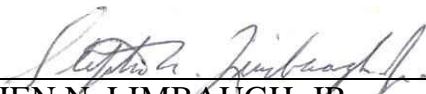
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Case Management Order is **MODIFIED** as follows:

Expert disclosures and reports as required by Rule 26(a)(2) are due **May 5, 2017**, with depositions of any such experts to take place no later than **May 19, 2017**.

Plaintiffs' rebuttal witnesses and reports as required by Rule 26(a)(2) are due **May 26, 2017**, with depositions of such witnesses to take place no later than **June 5, 2017**.

The ADR Compliance Report Deadline shall be extended to **July 1, 2017**.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2017.



STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE